

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the rulers of Soviet Russia still hold in enslavement more than 70 million people in the satellite countries of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria behind the Iron Curtain, and continue to deny them their basic rights of self-determination and freedoms of communications, religion, and labor; and

WHEREAS, for the last five years Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press have provided ever-increasing support to the efforts of those captive people to regain their freedoms from their Soviet-controlled puppet governments; and

WHEREAS, our President and other leaders have declared that there can be no honest or lasting peace in this world so long as these captive people are denied their promised right of free elections;

NOW, THERE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, by the power in me vested, do hereby proclaim the period between Sunday, February 12 and Wednesday, February 22, 1956 as

FREEDOM WEEK IN SOUTH DAKOTA

and I urge all our citizens and business firms to help combat Communist tyranny and further the causes of freedom and peace by contributing generously to the Crusade for Freedom in support of Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press and I further suggest that schools, churches, civic, fraternal and service organizations conduct appropriate programs during this 10-day period to reaffirm faith in the concepts and principles of the free world and to offer prayers, both publicly and privately for the eventual self-liberation of the captive peoples now under Communist domination behind the Iron Curtain.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 21st day of February, 1956.

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Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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